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County Council Rejects Temporary Treatment Plant for Schrom Prop.

The Prince Georges county council last week rejected a request for a point of discharge for a temporary sewage treatment plant on the Schrom tract property located just outside the Greenbelt city limits, south of Greenbelt (south west quadrant of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway).

The property involved contains 67 acres, zoned as C-2 (commercial, regional shopping center) and R-10 (high-rise apartments), and is now owned by NW Valley Limited Partnership #1 and Frankfort Drive Limited Partnership #1.

The rejection of the sewage treatment plant came as the council amended its 10-Year Water and Sewer Plan (1975-84), which designates where water and sewer lines should be constructed and at what time developments may be hooked up to water and sewer systems.

The county also denied sewage approval for five other new shopping malls in a move to halt the spread of shopping centers in Prince Georges County.

City Council Opposed

The Greenbelt city council opposed the on-site treatment plant on the old Schrom tract and recommended that no sewage service to the property should be permitted until added capacity is available in the Anacostia basin. Council further felt that since one of the justifications cited for the Greenbriar plant was its contribution toward improved sewage treatment, the county should await an evaluation of the Greenbriar experience before approving any additional package plants.

In a related matter, the staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommended disapproval of the preliminary plans for the Schrom tract citing inadequate public facilities and roads. The Planning Board considered the matter today.

City Bus Study Underway

Work has begun by the city under the grants recently awarded by the Federal and State governments for an internal transit study. The first work under this study consists of data gathering, the principal part of which will be the distribution of a questionnaire being prepared by Wilbur Smith and Associates. It is designed to identify the potential use of bus service by residents within the city, the number and purposes of various trips presently made, as well as those that would be made by residents if there were a bus service within the city.

The target date of Thurs., April 25 has been set for distribution of the questionnaire. The questionnaire will be delivered in the original part of the city to every door with the News Review and to every door in Springhill Lake by members of the Springhill Lake Civic Association.

Each resident is requested to take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it. The value of the data and information being solicited will be greatly enhanced by the number of responses received.

Completed questionnaires may be mailed to the City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770 or left at any one of the collection points that will be listed on the questionnaire.

John Carroll PTA

John Carroll PTA Officers for the 1974-75 year, elected on April 2, are: Debra Brown (University Square), President; Sara Worsley (Village Green), 1st Vice-President; Arnold Strasser (Boxwood), 2nd Vice-President; Fillmore Bender (Boxwood), Treasurer; Mary Palmer (University Square) Recording Secretary; and Fave Matthews, Village Green, Corresponding Secretary.

P. G. Community College Summer School Courses

The Community Services Office of Prince Georges Community College has announced its summer schedule of non-credit courses.

Registration for the courses, mostly held at the college, is open to the public. Course description booklets are available at the library or at Prince Georges Community College.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., April 11, 7:45 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Fri., April 12, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Mon., April 15, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

9 a.m. Sharp, Easter Egg Hunt, Greenbelt Lake Park, Rain date, Tuesday April 16

Wed. April 17 8 p.m., GHI Membership Meeting, Center School

CITY NOTES

The city is leasing a much-needed new model Xerox machine. The old machine has been transferred to the Recreation Department.

The general crew has been involved with several projects recently. Sandblasting has been continuing at the swimming pool, and some deteriorated concrete on a walk leading from the north parking lot to the center mall alongside the sports center was removed. Some old curbing near the rear of the post office was removed so a contractor could build a stone retaining wall downhill from the statue in the center mall.

The special details crew installed new rope on one of the City's flagpoles and did some electrical work in the Municipal Building and the Youth Center building. Old appliances were picked up.

The parks crew has been installing horseshoe pits at Candy Cane City and picking up leaves and brush. Lime was applied to the grass area between Crescent Road and Centerway.

Thirteen tons and 270 lbs of paper were collected last week; this represents an approximate one ton increase over collections for previous weeks. The increase in tonnage comes at an appropos time as the price the City receives for paper was increased to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. or \$30.00 a ton. This week 10 tons and 290 lbs. were collected.

Work started this week on restoring of No. 1 green at the SHL golf course.

GHI Members Asked to Approve 5-6% Raise in monthly Charges

by Al Skolnik

Monthly increases in charges averaging 6 percent for brick homeowners and 5 percent for frame homeowners are being asked of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. membership at Wednesday's meeting in the Center School Auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

About 2 percent of the 6 percent increase for brick homeowners would be to cover the cost of the 1973 fuel oil deficit; the balance to help finance a heating improvements program. In the case of the frame homeowners, about 4 percent of the 5 percent increase is for the fuel oil deficit; the balance for heating improvements.

In dollars and cents, the overall increase will range from \$5 to \$11 a month for the brick homeowners and from \$4 to \$7 for the frame homeowners. If approved, the new monthly charges will go into effect June 1, 1974.

Unusual Circumstances

The unusual step of asking for a mid-year increase was necessitated by the astounding and unforeseen rise in fuel oil prices which took off from a base of 14 cents a gallon in May 1973 to reach 38 cents a gallon in March 1974. As a result, the corporation incurred a fuel oil deficit in calendar year 1973 of \$41,000 (\$30,000 in the frame

and \$11,000 in the brick). This is part of the \$76,730 that would be made up through increased monthly charges.

The rest of the increase in monthly charges (amounting to \$35,730 for 1974) is to cover part of the cost of borrowing \$173,000 for the long-term capital improvements program. According to GHI officials, GHI does not have enough cash or uncommitted reserves to finance the entire fuel savings program. This program is designed to upgrade and renovate the heating plants so as to reduce fuel consumption and offset rising fuel oil prices.

Bids have already been received for \$173,000 worth of renovation work. This includes \$57,000 for the frame homes in the way of renovating the four large boilers and initiating a pilot project for conversion from steam heat to hot water and \$116,000 for the brick homes for installation of variable temperature heating controls.

It is anticipated that this work will save up to 10 percent in fuel consumption or about \$70,000 a year so that the capital investment of \$173,000 will pay for itself in fuel oil cost savings in about three years.

GNMA Mortgage Deferral

To ease the financial burden of the heating improvements program on members, the GHI board is seeking authority from the membership to enter into an agreement with Government National Mortgage Association, holder of the GHI mortgage, for temporary deferral of the 1974 principal payments. This in essence would be a loan at 4 percent interest, which the GHI board considers much more attractive than conventional borrowing from a commercial bank at a 9 percent interest rate.

GNMA has agreed to a deferment but wants the principal payments paid back by 1977, so that the mortgage would expire as originally scheduled. This would have the effect of GHI combining 4 years of principal payments into three and require an increase in monthly charges. GHI is hopeful of persuading GNMA to agree to a simple extension of the term of the mortgage for one year — to 1978 — thus not requiring any increase in the monthly payments.

In order to meet the possibility, however, that GNMA will not agree to a lengthening of the mortgage period or that GHI will end up with a commercial loan, the membership is being asked to agree to the immediate increase in monthly charges starting June 1974.

In anticipation of additional fuel-savings projects that have not yet reached the bidding stage, the membership is also being asked to authorize GNMA mortgage deferment of additional sums above the \$173,000 already projected. The total amount of mortgage principal payments that could be deferred in 1974 comes to \$319,000 and it is thought that authorization to defer the additional amounts would expedite the negotiations with GNMA and assure that the money would be available for future fuel savings projects when needed.

However, the expenditure of any amounts in excess of \$173,000 would be contingent upon membership approval of the additional projects and would not affect the monthly charges for 1974.

Some of the additional projects being contemplated include frame home crawl space vapor barrier and insulation work, installation of fire walls in the attics of frame homes, purchase of storm windows and doors for both brick and frame homes, possible replacement of windows, and conversion of 19 additional steam to hot water plants, if the pilot project proves successful.

GHI Fuel Oil Box Score

Because of a milder winter and fuel-conservation measures, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has purchased 214,985 fewer gallons of fuel oil during this heating season, compared with last year. But because the average price per gallon almost tripled, GHI spent through March \$251,223 more this heating season than last. During the first three months of calendar year 1974, GHI spent \$298,561 for fuel oil, amounting to 46 percent of the \$647,189 budgeted for the entire year.

| | Gallons Purchased | Average cost per gallon | Amount spent |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| September 1972 | 47,376 | 13.02c | \$6,169 |
| October 1972 | 212,820 | 13.07 | 27,811 |
| November 1972 | 261,656 | 13.06 | 34,172 |
| December 1972 | 297,443 | 13.07 | 38,833 |
| January 1973 | 310,075 | 13.08 | 40,546 |
| February 1973 | 315,817 | 14.17 | 44,762 |
| March 1973 | 273,498 | 14.15 | 38,700 |
| Total, Sept. 1972 - Mar. 1973 | 1,718,685 | | \$230,993 |
| September 1973 | 36,886 | 23.65c | 8,723 |
| October 1973 | 125,843 | 23.72 | 29,851 |
| November 1973 | 232,593 | 27.82 | 64,713 |
| December 1973 | 276,813 | 30.48 | 84,368 |
| January 1974 | 310,450 | 33.80 | 104,920 |
| February 1974 | 281,809 | 36.31 | 102,335 |
| March 1974 | 239,306 | 38.15 | 91,306 |
| Total, Sep. 1973 - Mar. 1974 | 1,503,700 | | \$482,216 |

City of Greenbelt

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday,

April 15, 1974

8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 1, 1974

5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports -

- a. APB Report # 139 - Special Exception Application #2768 - Greenbelt Shell

- b. APB Report #140 - Zoning Map Amendment Petition #A-8996-Mobil Oil Corporation

- c. APB Report #141 - Special Exception Application #2887 - Parking Schedule Modification at Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road

- d. APB Report #142 - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision Springhill Lake North

- e. APB Report #143 - Preliminary Plan Springhill Lake Industrial

- f. APB Report #144 - Surplus Land Northwest Corner of the City

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Quorum Requirements - APB Report #137

10. Role of the Advisory Planning Board on Environmental Matters - APB Report #138

11. Springhill Lake Recreation Center - PRAB Report 4-74

IV. NEW BUSINESS

12. Liquor License - 6215 Greenbelt Road

13. Placement of Plaque - Labor Day Steering Committee

14. Resignation from Advisory Planning Board

V. MISCELLANEOUS

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GHI Must Face Facts

After all the whys and wherefores are discussed at this Wednesday's special membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., these facts will still remain the same:

Fact 1. GHI needs money now to continue its fuel-savings program. Bids have already been received on \$173,000 worth of renovation work designed to up-grade the heating plants of the frame and brick homes. Engineering studies are on the way to price out the cost of insulating the crawl spaces of the frame homes and installing vapor barriers.

Fact 2. The GHI reserves are not sufficient to finance the entire cost of these heating improvements. Government National Mortgage Association, the holder of the GHI mortgage, has acknowledged that full use of reserves is already being made.

Fact 3. This leaves borrowing as the only viable source of funds for GHI. Such borrowing can take the form of a conventional loan from a commercial institution at 9½ percent interest rate or temporary deferment of GNMA mortgage principal payments at an interest cost of 4 percent.

Fact 4. In order to qualify for the advantageous GNMA interest rate, GNMA has specified that GHI must raise its monthly charges to cover the mounting costs created by the energy crisis.

Of course, there is one other course of action. Forget about the fuel-conservation program and hope for the best, such as lower fuel oil prices and no further deterioration in the heating plants. But persons advocating this course of action should at least be prepared for the more likely development that the heating costs of the corporation will continue to skyrocket at an astounding pace in the absence of a long-term fuel-conservation program. And if one was shocked by the huge increase in monthly charges last December, just imagine what the increases will be like in future years without the benefits of a long-range fuel-savings program.

Greenbelter Wins the Cherry Blossom Race

Jack Mahurin, of Ridge Rd. and a graduate student at the University of Maryland studying Sports Physiology, practices what he preaches and won the prestigious Cherry Blossom Classic 10-mile running race at Potomac Park, Washington, D. C. on March 31. Mahurin, who finished second last year, defeated a field of 360 runners in a new course record of 50 minutes and 50 seconds, winning by 2:17. Among the other runners from Greenbelt were Alexander Barnes, Tom Noel, Bill Clarke and Marty Greenbaum. About 35 women and girls completed this beautiful flat course on a windy cold day.

In the two mile run for fitness among the field of 180 participants, joggers, runners and even some who walked part way, were about a dozen Greenbelters. They included Sandra Barnes, Bob, Liz and Andy Grieg, Saskia and Johnny Vanderzon, Regina and Timmy Bram, Larry and Rita Noel and Steve Marques. These long distance races were sponsored by Acacia Life Insurance Co. in cooperation with the D. C. Road Runners Club. The D. C. RRC conducts long distance races each week of the year. Information on running or jogging can be obtained from Larry Noel, 474-9362.

Mishkan Torah News

Mishkan Torah will hold services on Sun., April 14, the last day of Passover, at 10 a.m. There will be a Yizkor memorial service.

Stern's

SHOE REPAIR

Heels - Soles - Rips Repaired
WHILE YOU WAIT

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Mon.-Fri. 10-9
Sat. 'til 6

Banquet For Brotherhood

Four long tables, laden with ample dishes of every food imaginable, backed the John Carroll Elementary School gym the evening of March 28, as 200 parents, children, and teachers came to a banquet in the name of Brotherhood.

Prepared under the direction of the Human Relations Committee co-chaired by Debra Brown (1974-75 PTA President), Richard Fioridasio, and Erma Desperat, the evening included (besides the food, Joey the Clown (who passed out gifts to every child), the Soul Singers led by Madame McCormick, and Andrew Cacho and Group, of Washington, D.C., whirling in colorful costumes through a dozen African dances with drum accompaniment.

Joyce Armstrong, Denise Miller, and Vicki Taylor, all 6th graders, won prizes (in that order) for essays on "What Brotherhood Means to Me." Special guest was Harold McClinton of the Washington Redskins. There were also solo and group musical numbers and a skit directed by Rev. Robert Wilson, of Village Green.

School Children "Spring Cleaning"

Energetic workers of all ages took part in a "Spring Cleaning" at Center school on Fri., March 22. Hoping to spark community interest in more such projects, Center's children set an example of hard and caring work.

Kindergarten children picked up the trash in the school playground while first and second graders policed the rest of the area around the building.

Some flowers were planted on the school's grounds by third and fourth graders who also prepared the ground for further planting by raking and weeding.

Rain the day before made it necessary to postpone the fifth and sixth graders project of cleaning the Braden stream. A number of the older pupils instead took part in picking up trash in Candy Cane City and other nearby areas.

Involved Teens Recently Rewarded

by Madaline Jankowski

With brown-bagged lunches in hand, 32 excited members of the St. Hugh's Teen Club boarded a bus bound for New York City recently. These teens had earned the right to go on this trip by participating in a variety of activities. After arriving at their destination, with a rest stop at New Castle, Delaware and a ride through the Holland Tunnel, they filed onto a boat for a cruise around the Statue of Liberty. Shortly, they were back on land to be driven by bus to Chinatown where they made a walking tour, and also visited a Buddhist Temple.

Crowds and Broadway caught their young eyes next, after they first enjoyed a bus tour of Lower Manhattan. A good dinner and then Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral preceded a tour of Rockefeller Center, before arriving at their final destination of the day - Radio City Music Hall.

It was 3:30 a.m. before Greenbelt and "home" became visible to Terri Tournant, Donny Evans, Jim & Kathy McEvoy, John & Joe Yakupkovic, Karen Lundregan, Andi Jankowski, Bill Brown, Christy White, Cindy & Colleen O'Hagan, Pattv Bransky, Cheryl Taylor, Mark Weber, Jackie Wells, Mary Keller, Lisa Bates, Kathy O'Brien, Bill Asborne, Lennie Marie Folke, Amarillis O'Driscoll, Sue White, Regina Werner, Pete Kuhn, Will Hardy, and Brian Turner.

Credit for the adult companionship goes to John Yakupkovic, Larry & Doris O'Connor, Fr. Amey, and Joe O'Loughlin who also commandeered the bus.

Youth Corps Program

Forty-seven staff positions and 1,000 jobs for teens are open for this summer's Neighborhood Youth Corps Program operated by the Prince Georges County Department of Human Resources and Community Development.

The staff jobs are full-time 40-hour week jobs running from mid-June to mid-August. High school graduates may pick up applications for the staff positions at the library and at the county's personnel department located in Hampton Mall. Completed forms must be returned to the Summer Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, Hampton Mall, 9171 Central Ave., Capitol Heights, Md. 20027 by April 15.

Teenagers interested in taking part in the summer program that will provide them with 25-hour a week jobs at the minimum wage should see their school counselors. Counselors are presently distributing application forms. They must be returned to the counselors by April 26.

This year's project also will offer programs in drama, choral development, modern dance and teen assistance to senior citizens. The program will run from June 24 to Aug. 16.

Choruses to Perform Easter Vigil Service

The combined choirs of Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, the Community Church and St. Hugh's Church will sing an Easter concert on Sat. April 13, 6:50 p.m. at St. Hugh's Church. The choir will sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" as well as the music of Haydn, Thompson, Mozart, and Graun.

Following the concert, the choir will sing the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the concert and services.

The choir is under the direction of Jean Cook, with organists Sue Simko and Peg McAndrew. Alice Thompkins is soprano soloist.

IN MEMORIAM

Hall, Carrie. In loving memory of our mother who left us 1 year ago, April 11, 1973. He touched her so gently and took her home.

Love, Carrie, Ray and Dora

Methodist Church News

Holy Week services include a joint communion service at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church on Thurs. at 8 p.m., where Rev. Ralph E. Weisser will give the sermon; and a service on Good Friday at Community Church at 8 p.m. where Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham will deliver the sermon. The combined choir will sing special Easter music at both services.

Rev. Weisser will give a message at the Sunrise Service at Greenbelt Lake at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday. A breakfast will be waiting for participants returning to Community Church.

At the Easter Festival service at 11 a.m. Sun. Rev. Weisser will preach on "The Easter Faith." There will be special Easter music by the choir.

On April 21, the guest minister at Community Church will be the Rev. Keith Wright.

SIGHT-SEEING QUIZ

Can You Name This Spot?



Clue: BENEATH A FORTRESS-CASTLE SPREADS ONE OF THE OLDEST UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE, FOUNDED IN 1386.

Answer: ANHANG OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY
Good eyes mean good memories. Care for your eyes at all times.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hillside & Crescent Roads — Phone: 474-6171

Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m. Easter Festival Service
Rev. Ralph E. Weisser, "The Easter Faith"
Special Easter music by the choir

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill Rds.

Telephone: 474-4040

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Church Training 6:00 p.m.

Rev. James O. Duncan

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Ride our buses to Sunday School and Morning Worship

Office hours: 9:30 - 1:30

Monday - Friday

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor 474-3381

Sermon: "The Power of His Resurrection."

Worship Service 9:30 and 11:00

No Church School

Every one is Welcome to

THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

at the

Greenbelt Lake

7:00 A.M.



Maundy Thursday Communion 8:00 p.m.
Good Friday: A Prelude To Easter 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SERVICES

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

Festival Services 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:50 a.m.

Come and Worship With Us

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Miss Ann Falkenheim, Parish Worker

345-5111

474-9200

Don't miss "EASTER IS" a program produced by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod on Saturday April 13, 8:00 p.m. WMAL-TV, Channel 7.

Letters to the Editor

Fact or Fiction?

To the Editor:

Ben Hogensen says in his letter to the Editor of April 4 that the Board and Management of GHI have been "granted" a 19.8% increase in the budget since December 1972. He is, I presume, referring to an increase in monthly charges on January 1, 1973 of 9.6% of operating costs and a similar one on January 1, 1974 of 9.9%. The FACTS are that the members received a 7.88% increase in total monthly charges (including amortization) on Jan 1, 1973 and an 8.28% increase in total monthly charges on January 1, 1974.

He adds the further fiction that during that time the Federal Government allowed owners of rental properties only a 4% increase in total charges. The FACTS are that rent control went in on March 1, 1973. It limited increases to 4% of total monthly charges to tenants for that year. Effective March 1, 1974, an increase was granted of 4% of total monthly charges to tenants, PLUS INCREASED COSTS OF TAXES, UTILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; or a 6% increase a year without a pass-through of costs mentioned above — 6% on total charges, not on operating costs only. These total rental charges had a larger base because there was an element of profit in it and rents for comparable property were considerably higher than monthly charges to GHI members. Even so, the owners of rental properties are having such a hard time making their investments pay with these restrictions that rental properties are being sold as condominiums at an alarming rate. It was often "sell for condos or face bankruptcy."

A professional property manager told me the other day that he manages a property which cost the owners \$7,000,000. Under the rent controls and with every economy, he could turn over to the owners only \$60,000 last year. They could have invested that \$7,000,000 in a Savings and Loan at a minimum interest and realized \$350,000 on their investment. No, Mr. Hogensen, you can't use privately-owned rental properties as proof of overcharging by GHI!

A much fairer comparison would be other cooperatives — how are they holding up under the crisis. I have a friend who lives in an established cooperative apartment in the area. When I was paying \$103.75 total charges for my unit she was paying \$104.00 for hers. She just received another increase — the second in a year — which brings her charges to \$126.30; mine are now \$119.75. Furthermore, her charges do not include capital improvements because when a capital improvement or a replacement is needed, the members of that cooperative are assessed extra for it and pay it either in cash or over three to five years — in addition to monthly charges. Neither does it include anything for mortgage payments, since the building and grounds are all paid for. They have been warned that if inflation continues, they may have another increase before the end of the year and have had it explained to them (as have GHI members) that these added charges are for costs beyond the control of management, such as taxes, fuel oil, and cost-of-living wage increases needed to retain good, experienced employees. The FACT is that GHI monthly charges have been kept below the increased costs of inflation.

Some of our members who write letters to the papers seem to be trying to convince our people that GHI alone in the whole world need not pay the additional costs of world-wide inflation. I am afraid they are trying to lead the members down a primrose path to the break-up and bankruptcy of our wonderful cooperative community. I wonder why! What do they expect to get out of it?

Janet M. James

Right to Private Vote

To The Board of Directors of GHI:

This GHI member wonders if a page is missing from the notice and information sent the members the weekend of April 6 for The Special Membership meeting on April 17?

Since these far-reaching proposals, as far as our personal budgets and the corporation's physical plant are concerned, must be studied with great care and with the fullest information possible, why is the chart detailing what our monthly payments would be under "conventional borrowing" missing? The truth may hurt but the members have a right to it, since the three proposals outline financing through GNMA mortgage moratorium or conventional borrowing. There is a whale of a difference!

Personally, since I cannot attend this meeting, as many others I know because of the short notice, I went to the GHI office today and filled out my application for a proxy and named a trusted friend to see that my interest and vote count. Don't miss the deadline of April 12!

As one who did the research and arrangements that led with the help of others to our present use of voting machines, may I urge the members to insist on the secret ballot on the final vote on these three extremely important matters.

Why shouldn't you have the right to privacy on these important votes? It is to be hoped that the Board sees the light on this matter and has the serialized paper ballots and the see-through boxes ready, so the assembly will not have to put it to a vote, which is their right.

Eunice E. Coxon

Figures to Cogitate

To the Editor:

Here are some more figures to cogitate over and more applicable to our GHI oil problems!

From Vol. 23 of a 1971 GHI Newsletter under cost of oil and gallon usage are the figures: 1968 Brick homes — 13.16 cents; 1971, Bricks — 15.18 cents. Frame Homes, 1968, 9.44 cents — actually 7.33 cents — #6 oil; 1971, Frames 15.18 cents — actually 9.9 cents — #6.

The 9.9 cents is the Dec. 1971 statement from Humble Oil Co.

An article in the Jan. '71 Newsletter questioned: "What is the difference between #2 and #6 oil?" Answer: "The cost until this year was about half that of #6 oil. In addition to being more expensive, more must be burned to get the same amount of heat as produced by #6 oil." There is also a puzzling notation of oil usage in the 1969 GHI report: #6 oil — 1,201,000 gallons; #2 oil, 1,250,000 gallons. This was before Mr. Brea shears found it necessary to change the frame homes to #2 oil, in spite of my statement that the State of Maryland allowed #6 oil to be burned as the sulphur content was dropped from 2.75 to 1.5. This was an unnecessary spending of \$31,000 of the members' money. There never was a daily \$10,000 penalty for not complying.

By what financial sleight of hand did the Board reduce the #2 oil gallon usage of 1,250,000 gallons in 1969 to 854,590 gallons, reduced later to 794,696 gallons in 1973; and upped the #6 — 1,201,000 gallons to 1,600,000 gallons later reduced to 1,472,239 gallons in 1973?

The four large heating plants supplying about 650 frame units with heat have not been using #2 oil. The frame homes have only 21 small heating plants compared to 200 brick home plants.

The Manager is slipping on his figures!!

Martha Hutzler

GHI Election Comm. Meets

The GHI Nominations and Elections Committee will meet on Mon., April 15 at 8 p.m. in the GHI office.

Need for Action

To the Editor:

GHI is in a squeeze because of the oil crisis and lack of long term planning from our inception (everyone's fault), and we now need everyone's cooperation to surmount it. We have in more recent years built up some reserves, part of which are apparently being used to meet the increased oil costs, but I feel that these reserves should not be depleted permanently. I feel that they should be on hand and used only as stop-gap measures until more permanent solutions are found. Then they should be replaced for other emergencies, because please realize that our homes and major equipment (heating plants) are from 33 to 37 years old.

Since we are caught in an emergency and need the earliest possible relief, about all that can be done is to prop up our old heating plants and make them as efficient as possible. Incidentally, I am hoping that these improvements will serve to adjust the heat of the radiators in the brick homes. I have found that by barely turning the knob, it can be adjusted to just warm, which is usually sufficient, but the owners I've spoken to were unaware of this. I estimate I've cut my heat usage by at least 1/3 or more by doing this. Many others may not know about this either, so automatically doing it for us is the best answer for sure savings.)

I believe many of us were confused by the responses of GNMA to our request for relief relative to upgrading our heating systems. In their latest interim response (News Review, 4/4) they state in effect that GHI members should "assume a larger share of the cost of long term improvements —". The words "larger share" were confusing but they apparently were referring to Step Two recommended in their letter of Jan. 24, which says "Institute a viable increase in member carrying charges." This apparently means that members should be willing to assume an increase in present basic charges to help offset the cost of long term improvements.

In other words, if we show willingness to help ourselves, we in turn may get help. This is not unreasonable, but neither do I feel that our request was unreasonable — a simple one year extension of the mortgage so as to expire in 1978 vs. 1977, making the amount of the deferred principal available as funds for heating improvements. We have proved ourselves a good mortgagor and are not asking for a hand-out.

Certainly the improvements as put into effect, will show savings offsets to costs. I hope that at the membership meeting, GHI will show estimated \$ amounts in this respect, specifically from a monthly average per member aspect. If the savings do pretty evenly offset the costs, what could be the objection?

Some members are overly concerned about paying off our mortgages to GNMA in 1977. To put this into perspective as to some of our other costs, the following data are given and please note that the figures are deduced from prior GHI membership reports, but revised to exclude the New Homes, and therefore pertain only to the brick and frame homes. (The heating figures were presented to GHI Comptroller Don McGinn and confirmed by him.)

The amortization charge (principal and interest) on these homes is \$367,200, only about 15% of the estimated budget for 1974. The costs for total heating (oil, labor, etc.) were: 1972—\$566,415; 1973—\$675-333; and estimated for 1974—\$939,330. (The figures for 1972 and 1973 are from columns entitled "(estim) Projected" which appear to be the closest to actual costs.) As a percentage of total operating charge (excluding amort.) these figures represent approximately 32.1%, 34.9% and 44.1% respectively.

The estimated heating figure for

1974 averages per brick home about \$53 per month, and for frame homes about \$47 per month (in contrast to amortization payments of \$30.42 for an average 2-bedroom brick home and \$11.68 for an average 2-bedroom frame home). Are not all of these heating figures considerably out of line with what is normal, even the % figure for 1972 (before oil prices increased)? These are the figures we need to reduce and the proposed improvements are toward that end.

So, as I regard it, the upcoming meeting will be asking the members to "help themselves" so as to obtain favorable action by GNMA for longer-term needs, certainly being to our benefit, for a less painful means of obtaining funds and at lower interest rate.

Isn't it just good common sense to realize that Management and the Board have nothing to gain by not doing the best they can for GHI members? So let's cooperate all that we can and help rather than hinder. Let's get to the special meeting on April 17 and vote. Do not sit at home and let "John" do it for you. "John's" voting could reflect just the opposite of what you would prefer.

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4-H Little Green Elves by Lucile Hammond

The Little Green Elves went on a field trip to the University of Maryland farm on Sunday, April 7, with Jim Parochetti as guide. The members were shown and given information about various plants, shrubs and trees.

The thrilling part of the field trip was the ride in something like a hay truck... we all had fun.

We also toured the Parochetti's home garden, learning about the pretty flowers and shrubs. All members were given a camellia flower.

Many thanks to the Parochettis and to the committee: Michael Boone, Katie Parochetti and Mary Ann O'Hagan for planning the tour.

Tennis News

The Greenbelt Tennis Association's ranking ladders are now established with the competition of the doubles ladder tournament. For membership information call Jerry Forbes 345-3789.

The women's ladder chairperson is Gretchen Morrisen, 474-5506.

Police News

A juvenile was apprehended discharging a .22 caliber pistol in the parcel 7 area. He is now awaiting juvenile services action.

Officers Stair and Duprat completed a course in traffic data held at the University of Maryland and sponsored by the Maryland Police Training Commission.

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To help pay for this heating improvement program (\$57,000 for the frame homes and \$116,000 for the brick homes), the GHI board has asked for membership approval of an increase in monthly charges.

For frame homeowners, the increase each month would range from \$1.18 to \$1.99 (average 2-bedroom middle \$1.61, average 3-bedroom middle \$1.89).

For brick homeowners, the increase each month would range from \$3.30 to \$7.74 (average 2-bedroom middle \$5.53, average 3-bedroom end \$6.33)*.

The engineering consultants to GHI have stated that these heating improvements of \$173,000 may reduce fuel oil consumption by up to 10 percent a year — a savings of about \$70,000.

Within about three years, the capital improvement investment of \$173,000 would be more than recouped. If oil prices keep rising, this pay-back period would be even shorter.

This is what we mean when we ask "Are you willing to spend \$1 to save \$2?"

Come down to the membership meeting on April 17 at 8 p.m. at the Center School Auditorium and register your support for a responsible capital improvement program.

GHI Members Concerned For Their Homes

Charles S. Brown, Treasurer

*An additional increase is being asked to cover the \$41,000 deficit in 1973 fuel oil costs.

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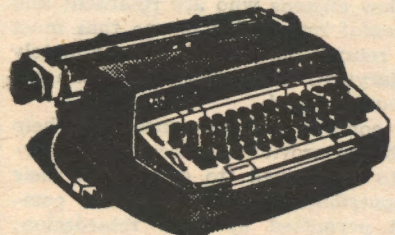
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Recreation Review

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department on Mon. April 15. The Hunt will take place at the Lake Park at 9 a.m. sharp. Rain-date will be at the same time on Tues. April 16. Many special prizes were donated by Beltway Hot Shoppe and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Immediately following the Hunt will be a puppet show entitled "The Easter Bunny's Vacation".

KITE CONTEST WINNERS

Trophies were awarded in eight categories to the following individuals: the Dwivedi's for the family speed race; Scott Hicks, most unusual; Sudi Dwivedi, highest flying; Pete Martone, largest; Tannia Benden, smallest; Ben Clarke, most artistic; Ani Dwivedi, youngest flyer; Tom Sharp, oldest flyer.

YOUTH CENTER SPRING VACATION SCHEDULE

The building will be open for lounge activities on Fri. April 12 and Mon. thru Fri. April 15 thru 19, from noon to 5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. All weekend hours are the same as usual.

TENNIS COURT USE

The city's courts are in their usual heavy demand. Tennis players are advised to check posted rules and regulations for court use as well as schedules for lessons and tournaments to avoid unnecessary inconvenience. Please sign in as required.

Susan Slyter on WMAL-TV

Susan Slyter, 117 Periwinkle Court, will appear on WMAL-TV's "Between Teens" this Sunday at 9 a.m. Susan is one of several youth from the area to appear on this program.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Konrad Herling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Herling, 13-R Ridge, was elected president of the Student Government at Towson State College.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council in March approved the selection of Alan Kistler, former Greenbelt mayor, to head the federation's Dept. of Organizing and Field Services. Kistler's department will coordinate all AFL-CIO activities at the regional level. Named to the position by Federation president George Meany, he has served as assistant director of the Department of Organization since 1962.

It's a girl for the Lindley Biebers of Breezewood Court! Stephanie Louise was born March 20, and weighed in at 7 lbs. Stephanie joins a brother Gregory, who is three.

Alice Louise Lange celebrated her sixth birthday this week. Happy Birthday, Alice.

Glad to hear Beverly Haines, 4 Gardenway, is out of the hospital and recuperating at the home of friends this week, telephone 776-6263. She hopes to be back home in a few days and would appreciate visitors. She fell on the stairs fracturing her spine two weeks ago.

Beverly reports that she had many calls in response to the article in last week's News Review about her Children's Clothing X-Change. She urges people to share boots and rain coats now through the X-Change. Call her at 345-4792 or Pamela Stark 474-7307. The X-Change is free.

Long-time residents of Greenbelt, Mr. and Mrs. Steven E. Silberg of Edmonston Rd., recently enjoyed a vacation visit to California which included a ride through redwood forests on the west's oldest steam railroad. The Silbergs chugged up the slopes of Bear Mountain on the steepest railroad grades in North America and crossed trestles spanning the redwood forested canyons.

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WHAT IS THE RECORD?

Critics of the GHI Board and Management charge:

1. the corporation is poorly managed and wasteful of funds and
2. \$173,000 in fuel saving capital improvements can be financed by use of reserves, or cuts in administrative costs without raising monthly charges, deferring GNMA mortgage principal payments or borrowing.

What Do Qualified Observers Say?

Regarding the first charge

"Our review of these (GHI financial) data shows that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. deserves credit for the very sound financial practices it has followed in its operations . . ."

Woodward Kingman, President, Government National Mortgage Association, letter, January 24, 1974.

" . . . the results of our study indicate that the corporation has conducted its day-to-day business affairs in a successful manner in the past, and that current operations are reasonably effective and efficient . . ."

" . . . The key issues facing the cooperative do not involve inadequate performance by large segments of the staff nor failure to keep accurate accounting records . . ."

Cresap, McCormick and Paget, A Management Reconnaissance, cover letter, May, 1972. (CMP is a national management consultant firm that was employed to study GHI's business practices.)

"The General Manager is overburdened . . ."

" . . . This (Finance) Department is operating at or near its practical workload limit . . ."

CMP, A Management Reconnaissance, P. IV-3, May, 1972

Regarding the second charge

"The data presented do sufficiently demonstrate that a full use of reserves is being made or otherwise planned. However, your plans do not include a 'viable increase in member carrying charges' . . . the absolute amount of the individual charges remain substantially below that of comparable housing. It seems reasonable that the membership could be called on to assume a larger share of the cost of the long-term improvements which are planned for them. . . ."

James D. Grady, Federal National Mortgage Association, letter, March 25, 1974.

"The responsibilities, strength and composition of the GHI staff are inadequate for successfully conducting the business of an organization of this size and complexity . . . The corporation's staff should be increased. . ."

CMP, Letter to GHI membership, May 3, 1972

GHI's financial problems are "due at least in part to . . . reluctance to increase charges to members by sufficient amounts to meet clearly foreseeable cost increases, and to maintain cash flow, corporate liquidity, and reserves at acceptable levels."

CMP, A Management Reconnaissance, p. II-3

"Those reserves which do exist are intended primarily to meet periodic budget variances and unanticipated emergency expenses, and are in any event insufficient to fund the costs of major renovation programs."

CMP, A Management Reconnaissance, p. V-9

GHI Members Concerned For Their Homes
Charles S. Brown, Treas.

Attention Mr. Litterbug

by William A. Aleshire, Troop 746

Think for a moment! Are you a litterbug, the one who destroys the beauty of our recreational outlets, our roadways, and our scenic countryside by depositing waste products, such as cans, bottles, paper, leftover food, old car parts, etc.?

Are you a male or female? Are you, Mr. Litterbug, aware of Greenbelt City Ordinance Section 707, which states, "No person while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter on any street, or other public place, within the city or upon private property." The fine is \$3.00 and a ticket. Are you aware, Mr. Litterbug, that the Maryland State Traffic code, Section 11-111 discusses the throwing of certain trash out of a vehicle. It further states, that if it is undetermined as to who in the vehicle committed this violation, that the driver or owner must get a ticket, resulting in a \$105.00 fine and one point on his driving record. Three points will be assessed, if this violation causes an accident.

Mr. Litterbug, let's face it, it's cheaper to place trash in its proper container or recycle it at the Greenbelt Recycling Center, and by all means, use a litter bag! Mr. Litterbug, "Keep Greenbelt - Green!"

Science Fair Held At John Carroll Elem.

Over 80 exhibits at the 1974 Science Fair at John Carroll Elementary School showed a wide range of interests in the natural world. Some exhibits by the youngest children were done as group projects, such as substances people could identify by feel or smell. Others — the majority — were organized and carefully identified by individual children (or a small group) whose interest ran the gamut from astronomy to biology, physics and botany.

Ted Haynie, 5th-grade teacher, was in charge of the Fair. Prizes were awarded to the following students: Grand winners: Brett Brinkley, Ricky Rivillas, and Richard Taylor. Grades 4-5-6: 1st prize - Simone Bram; 2nd prize - Terry Harris and Raymond Stewart; 3rd prize - Nicole Spiegelthal; Honorable Mention - Heather Bagster-Collins; Rod Dyer. Best Presentation (to the judges): Peter Linstrom, Steve Wheatby & Joey Ross. Grades K - 3: 1st prize - Ronnie Tishman; 2nd prize - Keith Larson; 3rd prize - Tina Brown.

5 MILE RACE BELTWAY PLAZA

The D.C. Road Runners Club will host and the Beltway Plaza Mall Merchants Association will sponsor the 7th Annual Greenbelt 5 mile Marathon Handicap Race on Sat. April 20. The race will start at 10 a.m. in the parking lot behind S. Klein's. Awards will be presented to the first thirty (30) finishers.

A 2 mile non-competitive Run-For-Your-Life for all ages will precede the 5 mile run at 9:30 a.m. The 5 mile race is the first major race in the D.C. area to be held after the famous Boston Marathon which will be held on April 15. Top area runners will be competing in this race as well as the 5 mile race. For further information on joining the Roadrunners Club or about the above runs, call race director Martin Greenbaum at 552-1415.

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Students in the Russian Program will depart from New York July 10 and return August 6. During the 28 days, students will be living, studying, and exploring among the people of Russia and Europe.

The Western European Program will depart from Washington, D.C. on July 9 and return August 5.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet on Wednesday, April 17, at 8 p.m., at the home of Lori Moran, 117 Hedgewood. The topic for discussion will be "Low Cost Family Recreation." Visitors are welcome. Call Sue Soule, 474-0881, for further details.

New Works at Twin Pines

A showing of work by local artist Christopher Linstrom is being held during the month of April at Twin Pines. Included in the show are oil paintings, sketches and a fabric design.

Burglarproof Your Apartment

Tips From The Greenbelt Police Dept.

Keep money, furs, and jewelry to a minimum. Utilize safe deposit boxes and fur storage. Know serial numbers and descriptions. Mark valuable property with your driver's license number.

Keep the apartment keys in your possession. Don't place under mats, over doors or in any other obvious place.

Do not give keys indiscriminately to delivery, service, or domestic personnel. Check the credentials of all who have access.

Never allow strangers to enter the apartment, regardless of the pretense of selling, soliciting, seeking information, directions or any other excuse.

Check all doors and windows when leaving. Ascertain that locks are serviceable and effective. **NOTE: If the apartment has sliding doors, place a bar in the track, or use a special lock, these type doors are easily forced.**

Turn interior lights on when leaving or use an automatic timer for night hours when apartment is unoccupied. Keep blinds partially open.

When leaving for an extended period of time, notify the resident manager so he can help protect your property. Do not store valuable property in basement storage spaces.

Keep the mailbox empty. Women should use their last name only on mailboxes. Don't allow accumulation of papers, magazines, circulars and mail which may indicate your absence.

Don't hesitate to call the police when persons act suspiciously, or if circumstances warrant. **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. 474-5454.**

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Notice of Charter Amendment

On March 18, 1974, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1974-1, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1974-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED) TITLE, "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY AMENDING SECTION 40, TITLE "PURCHASES" TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ABOVE WHICH EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, CITY IMPROVEMENTS, OR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - EXCEPT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - SHALL BE MADE ON WRITTEN CONTRACT WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE BASIS OF COMPETITIVE BIDS EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE PROVIDED, FROM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 7th day of May, 1974, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 27th day of April, 1974, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8003.

James K. Giese, City Manager

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS on Sunday, April 21, 1974 the Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., in conjunction with the Prince George's County Association for Retarded Citizens is conducting a Public Information and Fund Raising Project, "RIDE A BIKE FOR THE RETARDED DAY" in order to assist in the raising of funds for the retarded; and

WHEREAS, such funds are urgently needed to provide additional opportunities for the retarded citizens of Maryland and Prince Georges County, and this project will create much needed public awareness and concern for our fellow citizens who are retarded; and

WHEREAS, the problem of mental retardation is one that must concern all of us since mental retardation affects approximately 130,000 persons in the State of Maryland alone and more than six million persons throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, only through our concern and awareness, our help and understanding, will it be possible to provide the necessary opportunities for all retarded persons to be trained to develop to their fullest potential, and to become contributing members of our communities to the maximum extent permitted by their retardation; now therefore,

I, Richard R. Pilski, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of the City of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this Proclamation on the occasion of

"Ride a Bike for the Retarded Day" - April 21, 1974

Realizing that the problem of mental retardation can not be solved by the mentally retarded or by their families alone - but only through our concerted and combined efforts, I urge all Greenbelt citizens to participate in this effort by actively taking part in the RIDE FOR THE RETARDED or by contributing in any way possible toward the success of the RIDE A BIKE FOR THE RETARDED DAY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, 1974 and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed.

Richard R. Pilski, Mayor
City of Greenbelt, Maryland

ATTEST:

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk